



**DANNEL P. MALLOY**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

July 9, 2012

Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr., USCG  
Commandant  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Southwest, Stop 7000  
Washington, D.C. 20593-7000

Dear Admiral Papp,

Thank you for the tremendous support and performances of the U.S. Coast Guard in Connecticut's OpSail and War of 1812 commemorations last weekend. The officers and crews of Cutters EAGLE, JUNIPER, MORRO BAY, RIDLEY and SAILFISH were superb representatives of the Coast Guard and made the entire event truly spectacular.

When the EAGLE took its place leading the Parade of Sail from Niantic to New London, I was privileged to be aboard as this majestic ship once again captured our imagination and reminded us of just how proud we are of our state's maritime history and our nation's professional sea services today. Seeing our Coast Guard firsthand was a rare privilege for almost a million people who flocked to our shoreline in southeastern Connecticut.

Behind the scenes, Coast Guard professionals did an amazing job helping us plan and organize the event. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound then enabled us to execute the operation with safe navigation, force protection and public safety foremost in their careful coordination. For their efforts both ashore and at sea, we are most appreciative.

Please pass along to your staff and entire chain of command Connecticut's most sincere gratitude for their service to our nation and very impressive presence in our state.

I look forward to seeing you again very soon here in Connecticut, *Home of America's Tall Ship*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dannel P. Malloy".

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Governor



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The Honorable Raymond E. Mabus Jr.  
Secretary of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus,

Thank you for the magnificent performances of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in Connecticut's OpSail and War of 1812 commemorations last weekend. The officers and crew of USS CARTER HALL and Naval Academy yard patrol craft partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard and Submarine Base New London to make the event truly spectacular.

The awe-inspiring LCAC demonstration in Niantic on Friday evening set the stage for the impressive events that followed over the weekend. While the people of Connecticut enjoy warm relations with our submarine force, seeing firsthand other elements of the Navy and Marine Corps team was a rare privilege for almost a million people who flocked to our shoreline in southeastern Connecticut. The Parade of Sail, shipboard tours, receptions and many community relations projects reminded us of just how proud we are of our state's maritime history and our nation's professional sea services today.

Please pass along to your staff and entire chain of command Connecticut's most sincere gratitude for their service to our nation and very impressive visit to our state.

I look forward to seeing you again very soon here in Connecticut, the *Submarine Capital of the World*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "D. P. Malloy".

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor